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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2007, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Drawings begins on page 2 of this response and include an attached replacement sheets.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begin on page 15 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this response.